Partnerships for Student Academic Achievement Through Technology (PSATT) Competitive Technology Grants for High Need School Districts Funded Through: ESEA Title II, Part D

Questions and Answers relevant to the Current Competition

Our district has currently redirected the use of the Title II, Part D funds for the 2004-2005 school year. Does that make our district ineligible to apply even though the district is eligible on all of the other criteria?

If the district is eligible on all of the other criteria, they are eligible to apply for the funds. However, if the district is successful in the competition and receives a grant, the district may not redirect the use of any Title II, Part D funds for the 2005-2006 or 2006-2007 school years.

For districts that have met the poverty requirements and have redirected the use of their Title II, Part D funds for the 2004-2005 school year, the Eligibility Spreadsheet (beginning on page 29 of the application materials) lists their eligibility as "UNDETERMINED". To move out of the "UNDETERMINED" status districts must meet the criteria listed on page 4 of the application materials.

I do not see a mention of high performing (technology proficient) districts being a required partnership in the PSATT program application this time. Has that changed?

The PSATT grant program no longer requires a technology proficient school district to partner with high need, eligible districts. Instead, the technology proficient partnership concept is more open which allows applicant districts to find technology mentors in the broader arena.

Correction: On page 25 of the original application materials it is indicated that the total technology plan score (raw score of 32 points possible) will be divided by 8. That is in error. The total raw score of 32 will be divided by 4 leaving a possible adjusted total score for technology plans of an 8. Updated postings of the application materials have corrected that error.

Eligibility Updates: As districts become eligible due to the submission of their technology need data, an updated eligibility spreadsheet will be posted on the OPI web page at: http://www.opi.state.mt.us/EdTech/Index.html

To submit a question e-mail: mhall@mt.gov.